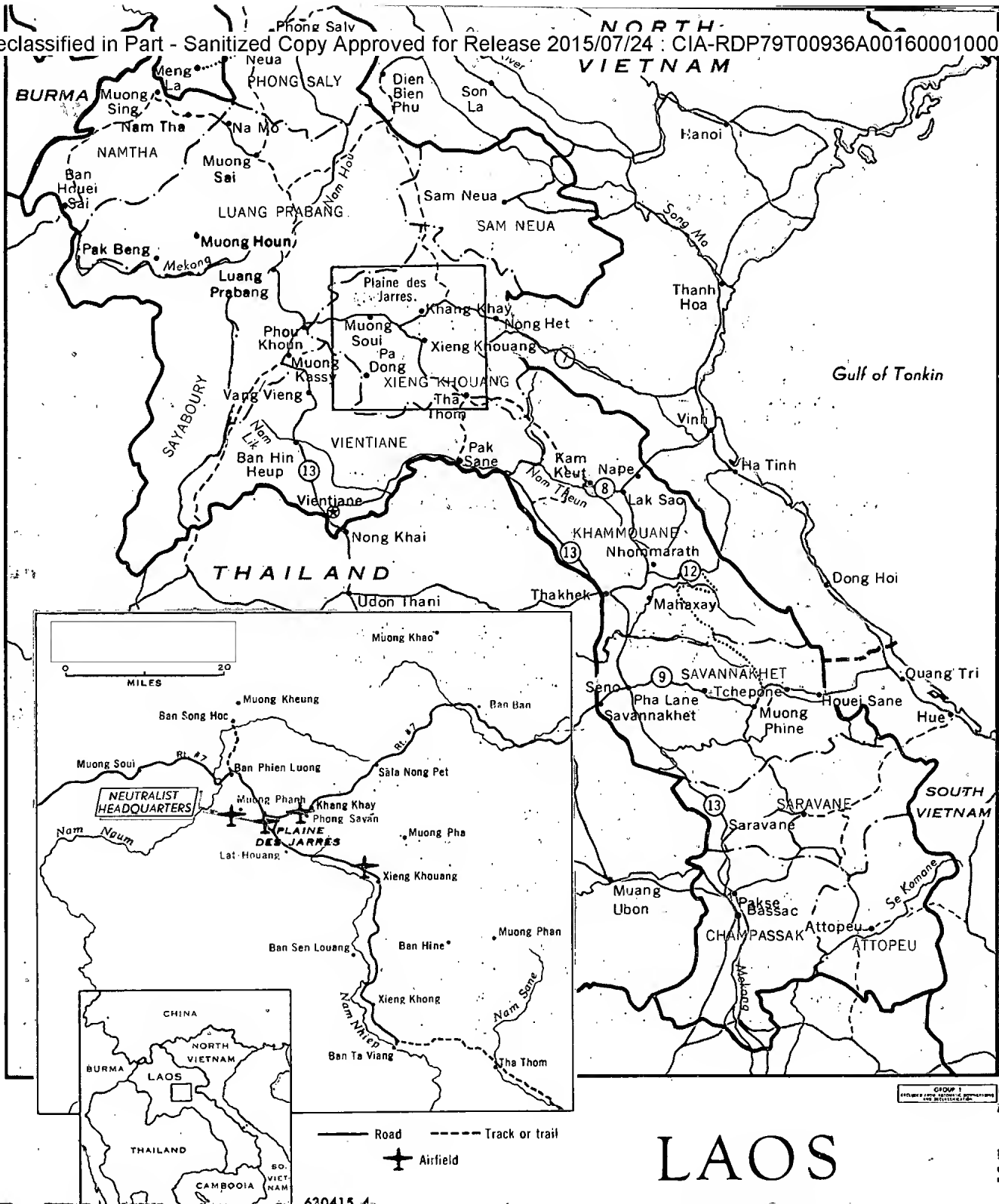


# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Laos

a. The situation in the Plaine des Jarres is still unsettled and more fighting is likely, despite Souvanna's peace efforts.

b. Souphannouvong has promised a Pathet Lao ceasefire/

We think it is doubtful, however, that either side really intends to honor a truce at this time.

c. Pathet Lao agreement may have been intended to gain time for maneuvering and to bring up reinforcements to split off Kong Le from his reserve armor in the Ban Song Hac area.

d. Souvanna and Souphannouvong have agreed to let one ICC team join Kong Le in the Plaine des Jarres.

2. Cuba-USSR

a. The quality of photography on 19 and 20 April was inadequate to provide a detailed readout. It did reveal, however, some activity at the Soviet armored camps.

b. New vehicle parking hard-stands appeared at Artemisa and Santiago de las Vegas; at Artemisa they are adjacent to a new group of tents

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which may be occupied by Cubans training on Soviet weapons at the camp.

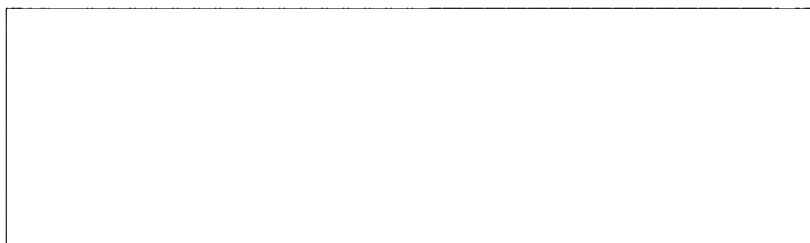
c. [redacted] photography [redacted] shows no apparent change at three of the encampments, with the other two cloud covered.

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e. The Maria Ulyanova sailed from Havana on Saturday. About 120 persons were [redacted] on board.

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**3. Cuba**



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4. Jordan

a. Jordan appears to have quieted down since the weekend's pro-Nasir demonstrations and Rifai's resignation.

b. A curfew is being enforced, and undeclared martial law is in effect.

c. The king clearly intends to act as his own prime minister. The new 8-member cabinet headed by his elderly uncle--Sharif Husayn--will have only caretaker duties pending elections to replace the dissolved Chamber of Deputies that voted out Rifai. Rifai has agreed to work behind the scenes to help the new group.

5. Guatemala

a. The government effort against the guerrillas in northeast Guatemala may have run into trouble.

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c. [redacted] party mem-  
bers are helping in the insurrection,  
which [redacted] may spread.

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6. USSR-Yugoslavia

a. Photography has given the first evidence of Soviet SAM equipment in Yugoslavia.

b. The equipment, sufficient for one six-launcher SA-2 SAM site, looks like the first unit of a SAM system to defend the Belgrade area.

c. It is probably part of the arms deal concluded early last year. T-54 tanks and SU-100 assault guns were delivered last spring. Other Soviet equipment, including primary air defense radars and possibly MIG-19's, was delivered subsequently.

d. MIG-21's probably are also scheduled for delivery, but there is no firm evidence of their presence.

NOTES

- A. Soviet Satellite An unmanned space vehicle, Cosmos XV, was launched from Tyuratam at about 0330 EST today. A recovery attempt is likely. Moscow has made a public announcement of the launching.

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- C. Yemen-UAR Sallal has finally replied favorably to Nasir's request that he approve the disengagement plan. The Egyptians told Ambassador Badeau on 20 April that they would inform U Thant.

- D. USSR-Brazil The five-year trade agreement signed on 20 April is for \$160 million in 1963--more than double last year's total--and provides for increases in 1964 and 1965. No Soviet economic aid was agreed on, but Dantas will probably work on this when he makes his September visit to Moscow.

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- E. USSR-Iraq Although Iraq has been loosening its ties with Moscow, a small contract for military spare parts was signed on [REDACTED] It is the first new purchase agreement since Qasim's demise. Deliveries of some Soviet military materiel under old agreements are still occurring, however.

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- F. USSR - Communist China After nearly five months of talks, the Sino-Soviet trade pact for 1963 was signed in Moscow on 20 April. The agreement appears routine, and there is no indication of the level of trade anticipated this year.
- G. Congo The debate in parliament was acrimonious and disorderly but Adoula won a vote of confidence on 20 April. Our embassy considers it a clear enough victory, but feels Adoula will have trouble as rambunctious members continue to assert their parliamentary sovereignty. He may still try to recess parliament although he admits lack of sufficient support (two thirds of at least one house) to make this legal.
- H. Haiti Yesterday morning an unidentified plane dropped leaflets over Port au Prince, signed by the "United Revolutionary Forces." They called for army and university support and a total evacuation of Port au Prince by 15 May.
- I. Cuba-Algeria Ben Bella announced yesterday that Castro will visit him sometime next month.
- J. Syria Prime Minister Bitar has told Ambassador Knight that certain adjustments in the Syrian cabinet are being planned. These will probably be designed to balance the Baathist and Nasirite membership.